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In response to the Official Action dated October 12, 2006, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections asserted by the Examiner and respectfully requests reconsideration based upon the following remarks.

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I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Official Action rejects claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. The Official Action asserts that "The spanning means and the means for connecting being located below the top of adjacent seams" and "the pipe mounted close to the surface of the base portion of the roof surface" is essential to the practice of the invention, but not included in and not enabled by the disclosure." (Emphasis added). Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's assertions and respectfully points out below that there is, in fact, enabling disclosure found in various portions of the application, specification and drawings.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following quotations from the Applicant's original specification:

At page 4, paragraph 0010, bridging over to page 5 it is stated: "The end result of the present invention is that the pipe is mounted parallel to the surface of the roof and below the height of the raised portions of the roof." (Emphasis added).

Page 6, paragraph 0023 states: "A partial cross-sectional view of Fig. 1 is illustrated in Fig. 3 which shows bosses B₁, B₂ formed at the side portions of the snow brake base 107. The bosses B₁ and B₂ are formed close enough to the